GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a suggestion has been made in a recently held seminar `Disaster-Management and the Armed Forces` that India should train people to cope with nuclear and terrorism related disasters;

(b) if so, the Government`s reaction thereon; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 257 FOR 5.12.2002

Army Headquarters and the Institution of Engineers (India), Delhi State Chapter conducted a one day Seminar on `Disaster Management and the Armed Forces - A National Effort` on 11th September, 2002 at New Delhi.

The main theme of the Seminar related to engineering aspects of Disaster Management.The point regarding Nuclear Disaster came up only in passing. It was suggested that it was not enough to train the security forces alone, but the training must be spread down to the grass root level for disaster mitigation. The Government will give due consideration, in consultation with the Ministries concerned, to the recommendations of the Seminar as and when they are received.